

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1271, the bill just considered and passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, with regard to the last ruling of the Chair that the gentleman would not be permitted to present his concurrent resolution concerning the tax benefits accorded to Mr. Murdoch, what was the basis for the Chair's ruling? Is it that the majority has not consented to the presentation of this resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speakers' guidelines shown in section 757 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair does not recognize the gentleman from Florida [Mr. DEUTSCH].

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. Speaker could I take it up as a privileged motion at this time?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is not a privileged motion at this time?

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, could the Speaker cite a rule why it is not considered as that?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not properly presented a resolution.

Mr. DOGGETT. A further parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. DOGGETT. If I understand the previous ruling of the Chair in response to my parliamentary inquiry, it was that this is a Speaker's guideline. It is not a rule; it is a guideline that the Speaker has himself applied to the rules. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is an exercise of the Speaker's power of recognition for a unanimous-consent request.

Mr. DOGGETT. I thank the chair.

Ms. WATERS. A parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, if it is not a rule and you cannot cite a rule, and you are saying it is a prerogative of the Speaker, is it documented anywhere that the Speaker intended to handle his power in this way?

You may not be aware that the Speaker said that he is adamantly opposed to this tax giveaway to Mr. Murdoch, and that he wishes to do something about it. I do not think you should shut down that opportunity.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will cite the rule: Clause 2, rule

XIV, from which the guidelines have been determined.

Ms. WATERS. I am sorry?

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to appeal the ruling of the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The decision of the Chair denying recognition is not appealable.

Mr. DEUTSCH. A parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker. Why is that?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This a discretionary recognition on the part of the Chair. It is not appealable.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. I have a parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state her inquiry.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, would the Chair receive the gentleman's concurrent resolution to put it in the RECORD at this point and see if we can get the Speaker to read it, and maybe we could bring it up tomorrow, get recognition, because we obviously cannot get over this discretionary hurdle that the Speaker has.

Could I ask unanimous consent that we put the concurrent resolution in the RECORD at this point?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may introduce the resolution through the hopper.

Mr. DEUTSCH. I think what the gentleman is requesting, Mr. Speaker, is that we have some type of recognition in terms of the Speaker himself, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH], to actually take a look at it. He has stated publicly that he supports taking out this provision, and we really want to give him the opportunity to do exactly that.

Mr. TIAHRT. Regular order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman seek approval to print the text of the resolution?

Mr. DEUTSCH. I think in terms of the gentleman from Colorado, the request—

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, my inquiry would be since the gentleman in the Chair is the designee of the Speaker at this point, and this is all discretion from the Speaker, but I understand the gentleman in the Chair saying he does not have the Speaker's OK to exercise this discretion, could the gentleman in the Chair take the concurrent resolution and, A, put it in the RECORD, and B, see if we can get the Speaker's concurrence, so the gentleman from Florida [Mr. DEUTSCH] could be recognized tomorrow to bring this up?

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, if I might—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman seek unanimous consent to insert the resolution into the RECORD?

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE FOR 1 MINUTE

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 1 minute on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

Mr. TIAHRT. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, am I to understand that this resolution which we have not seen is going to be printed in the RECORD as if it were condoned by the Chair?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The request is that it be printed in the RECORD for the information of the House.

Mr. DEUTSCH. And also, further, that we be able to speak for 1 minute to be able to explain the resolution.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Ms. WATERS. I have a parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state her parliamentary inquiry.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, if you do not have the power by which to grant unanimous consent, acting on the Speaker's behalf, how, then, do you have the power to grant the opportunity for this to be put in the RECORD and to be dealt with tomorrow?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair can entertain a unanimous-consent request at any time at the Chair's discretion.

Ms. WATERS. But then, Mr. Speaker, you are exercising the discretion of the Speaker, as I understand it, sir, but you do not have the power to exercise that discretion fully? There appears to be a contradiction here.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has the power of recognition. The Chair chooses not to exercise it now, under the bipartisan guidelines as suggested earlier.

Mr. DEUTSCH. A parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, was the objection of the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. TIAHRT] to the motion by the gentleman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER]? Therefore, I believe I have the opportunity to seek to address the House for 1 minute, not the issue regarding the printing of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, it was the gentleman from Florida [Mr. DEUTSCH] who asked for the unanimous-consent request.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Again, Mr. Speaker, I would stand corrected, but I believe the gentleman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] asked for that request, and it was actually slightly different, both the printing and the attempt to talk. It would actually be the first time this issue was ever discussed on the floor, so it might be an appropriate thing. It is a significant issue.